

Visa Application & Document Attestation

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it is not too early to start thinking about getting your travelling documents for the trip (passport, Taiwan visa, an attested copy of your degree diploma & transcript, airline reservation) before the summer months slip by you. We are also writing to remind you that if you have been admitted conditionally to TIGP, please make sure to provide us with official and valid documents by late August before the registration deadline, or your conditional admission will be withdrawn. This requirement does not apply to applicants who have been admitted unconditionally to TIGP.

The following outlines procedures to obtain your entry visa to the Republic of China (Taiwan). These include the guidelines for people not residing in Taiwan, people already living or working in Taiwan, and certain specifics on the diploma & transcript attestation.

Note: Students of the following nationalities can only apply for a visa at a designated Mission. For detailed information, please refer to the [website](#).

Nepal & India (Identity Certificate only) → Taiwanese Mission in New Delhi

Nigeria & Ghana → Taiwanese Mission in Nigeria

1. **For international students not residing in Taiwan**

All international students need a visa to enter Taiwan. Applications for the student visa can go to the Taiwanese Mission (Office of the Consulate or the Taiwan Coordination Council of Culture, Trade and Commerce) in your country upon an updated newsletter from TIGP Office. They should be accompanied by (i) the acceptance letter signed by the TIGP Director, (ii) the official letter of acceptance issued by the partner university, (iii) a valid passport, (iv) two recent passport/visa photos, and (v) attested diploma, transcript and Health Certificate for Residence Application done by a government hospital (no clinic). Please call the officer in charge to obtain the necessary information or instructions first before visiting their offices.

Before registration at the partner institution that you will be formally associated with, the university will also need an attested copy of the highest degree diploma and transcript issued by the degree-granting institution from which you obtained the college degree.

2. **For foreigners residing in Taiwan now**

If you are already an intern or working in Taiwan as a research assistant or other capacity, and are now admitted as a graduate student to TIGP, according to the current visa regulation, you need to leave Taiwan and apply abroad for an adjustment to your student resident status (student visa) at Taiwanese Mission. We understand that travelling via an international flight is difficult during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will try our best to negotiate with the Bureau of Consular Affairs (BOCA) to re-issue you a new student resident visa within Taiwan (i.e., no need to go aboard). However, there is no guarantee that BOCA will agree to our proposal. Please follow our newsletter for further updates. If BOCA disagrees, which means you still need to apply for a visa abroad, before leaving Taiwan, please finish the Health Certificate for Residence Application at a designated hospital in Taiwan (Refer to https://www.cdc.gov.tw/En/Category/ListContent/C4w0xUaCBCKzdd6BxDGWcA?uaid=LgG4_1kPzR7S1IAA634XJg). All applicants requesting an amendment to the student visa should prepare (i) the TIGP acceptance letter signed by the TIGP Director, (ii) the official letter of acceptance by the

partner University, (iii) a valid passport, (iv) two recent passport/visa photos, (v) attested diploma & transcript, and (vi) Health Certificate for Residence Application done by a Taiwanese hospital.

If you are formally studying at a Taiwanese university as a student (excluding an intern) and are now admitted as a graduate student to TIGP, you need to go to the local National Immigration Agency instead of leaving Taiwan. All applicants requesting an amendment to the resident status should prepare (i) the TIGP acceptance letter signed by the TIGP Director, (ii) the official letter of acceptance by the partner University, (iii) a valid passport, (iv) one recent photo, (v) current alien resident certificate (ARC) card, and (vi) new address proof (such as housing lease).

3. Diploma & transcript attestation

Our partner universities request that both international and domestic students with their highest degree obtained from foreign universities need to certify their diploma and transcript at a Taiwanese Mission, where in most cases, you will apply for the visa. The students who fail to provide such diploma and transcript certification to the university will not be permitted to register.

Moreover, according to Taiwanese Law, the documents to be attested are very strictly restricted to "where" you get these documents. If you obtained your diploma/transcripts in a country (e.g., the UK) other than your country of current residence (e.g., India), you need to attest these documents at Taiwanese Mission located in the country where you obtained them (e.g., the UK). In other words, the attestation of your official documents and visa application will then take place at two different Taiwanese Missions—in the country where you obtained the diploma/transcripts and in your country of residence, respectively.

As different countries may have different procedures, we suggest that you should contact the officer in charge of visa and documents certification at Taiwanese Mission in the country of your present residence and prepare all the necessary papers beforehand. Your closest Taiwanese Mission is shown on this [website](#).

If a student gets the highest degree from the People's Republic of China (Mainland China), attestation should follow a different procedure. Please attest (i) higher education qualification certificate at CHSI (<http://www.chsi.com.cn/en/>), (ii) bachelor's or master's degree at ChinaDegrees (<http://www.chinadegrees.cn/en/>), and (iii) transcript at either CHSI or ChinaDegrees.

4. Items Required for Health Certificate for Residence Application

Please complete your health check at a government hospital (no clinic), and have the health certificate attested by the local Taiwanese Mission before you apply for the visa. As a health certificate is valid for only three months, be sure to do your health check within three months before the date of the visa application. If you are currently working in Taiwan, you may consider doing the health check at a [Taiwanese government hospital](#) to save money. If you intend to complete health checks in such countries as Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, or Mongolia, please do it at a [designated hospital](#).

The above documents need to be attested by a Taiwanese Mission if not obtained from a Taiwanese institution. In other words, documents obtained from a Taiwanese institution (e.g., transcripts from a university in Taiwan or a health certificate from a government hospital in Taiwan) need not be attested.